MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
100 SUMMER ST., SUITE 1200
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Electronic proposals for the following project will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidx.com forthwith after the bid submission deadline. No paper copies of bids will be accepted. Bidders must have a valid digital ID issued by the Authority in order to bid on projects. Bidders need to apply for a digital ID with Bid Express at least 14 days prior to a scheduled bid opening date.

Electronic bids for MBTA Contract No. C72CN03, **WORCESTER COMMUTER RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, RAIL REPLACEMENT, FRAMINGHAM TO WORCESTER, MA, (CLASS 1, GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION, and CLASS 3, TRACK WORK, PROJECT VALUE - $5,500,000**, can be submitted at www.bidx.com until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on **April 23, 2015**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work along the Worcester Line will consist of rail de-stressing operations at various locations on both Tracks 1 between Boston and Worcester. Work shall be performed during weekdays and weekends and shall be done segmentally within signal block limits as shown on the Contract drawings. Rail de-stressing shall include but not limited to cutting welded rail at selected intervals, removing rail anchors and/or clips, heating rail to desired neutral temperature, providing means for the rail to expand, re-anchoring or clipping the rail at the desired temperature, and re-welding the rail.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained at www.mbta.com.Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be downloaded from the MBTA FTP site, or delivered on CD via Fed Ex. Documents will be available starting at 9:00 AM on **April 2, 2015**. Contract Specifications and Drawings shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format. Interested parties may request FTP site credentials or Fed Ex delivery of the project documents on CD by completing the request form on the project page at:
http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. While there is no DBE goal associated with this contract, the Authority strongly encourages the use of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in all of its contracting opportunities.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State Contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, **Ms. Kim Dobosz**, **100 SUMMER ST., SUITE 1200, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110, (tel) 617-222-4332**. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on **April 14, 2015**. Bidders are requested to be present in **Parking Lot at Framingham Station which is located at 417 Waverly Street Framingham Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m.** to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned. **The site tour will be focused on the one staging area that will be available to the Contractor.**

A pre-bid conference will be held immediately following the site visits**.** Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.
This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:
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Date: **April 2, 2015**

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